January/February 2011

## Streets crews implement new de-icing method

Englewood's streets crews have switched from sand and salt to a new natural de-icing product known as "Ice Slicer" to clear ice from streets. The new method is greener, more effective at keeping ice off the streets, and is more cost-effective.

Public Works Director Rick Kahm recommended the change to City Council during the summer of 2010, and Council gave approval for the new system. Based on research conducted by the American Public Works Association, staff had determined that the Ice Slicer material will save on equipment maintenance and is more effective at lower temperatures than sand and salt.

The City of Englewood's snow plows have been outfitted with the new equipment so they are ready to roll when the snowy weather hits this winter. The Ice Slicer material is a natural product mined in Utah and is widely available locally. Crews will coat the material with a small amount of magnesium chloride to help it adhere to the road surface and begin melting snow and ice immediately.

Previously, during a typical winter, streets crews put down between 2,200 and 2,400 tons of salt and sand. Because the new material is more effective, it is expected that much less will be needed to keep the streets clear. The new material is also much less corrosive to vehicles and streets than the salt and sand mixture previously used.

In addition, the costs of cleaning up after storms will be dramatically reduced. Regional air quality guidelines call for speedy removal of sand from streets after the storms have abated in order to reduce particulate matter in the air. The Ice Slicer material will require very little cleanup, allowing crews to devote more time to other projects. It is anticipated that the City will realize an annual savings of approximately \$100,000 a year on snow removal costs.

With all the equipment in place on the plows, Englewood's streets crews are ready for the cold and snowy weather. For details on the priority system used to determine which streets are plowed first, and on how to report problem areas, see the related article on page 5.



Englewood's snow plows have been equipped with new equipment to accommodate the switch to a new, more effective de-icing material.

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# Message from **City Council**

Happy New Year!

I hope you and your loved ones have enjoyed a meaningful holiday season. As we begin 2011 as a community, we have much for which to be thankful. Now in my second year on council, I am struck by the many assets our city has that sustained us through this past challenging year

and position us well into the future. I will mention just a few here.

First, we have a tremendous workforce in our city government. Not only have our employees gone another year without pay raises, they have taken on furlough days and mindfully trimmed budgets, valuing restraint over indulgence at every turn. And yet they continually strive to provide responsive service to us all. My wish for this New Year is that they will receive the support and thanks that are important to sustain anyone through challenging times.

Second, the citizen members of our boards and commissions volunteer countless hours to research and advise the Council on important policies. They help keep our city infrastructures and programs running smoothly with creative ideas, problem solving and wise counsel. My wish for the New Year is that each will find satisfaction in this service and that more citizens will step up to serve in the coming year.

Third, we have wonderful businesses in our community. Whether restaurants or boutique shops, big box stores or professional legal and medical services, our community is well endowed with commerce that enjoys doing business in Englewood. My wish for the New Year is that we all patronize them to build on their commitment to our community.

Finally, the residents of Englewood are one of our greatest assets. Whenever I ask residents what they like about living here, they often answer, "I love my neighborhood." Our community is strong in neighborliness. Our formal and informal service to one another keeps us vibrant. My wish for the New Year is that we continue to build on our citizen engagement through service and volunteerism.

Englewood is a great community because of who we are collectively. May 2011 be a year of prosperity as we build on our assets together.

For more information on issues that matter to you and service opportunities in Englewood, visit www.englewoodgov.org and look under "Our Community."

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Englewood City Council meetings are normally held the first and third Mondays of each month. The meetings are open to the public and interested parties are welcome to attend. If you plan to attend a meeting and you have a disability requiring auxiliary aids or services, please notify the City of Englewood (303-762-2405) at least 48 hours in advance of when services are needed.

## 2011 Fitness Challenge

Start the new year with the Englewood Recreation Center's annual Fitness Challenge, which runs January 8 through March 27.

Here's how it works: Participate in fitness classes or work out on your own at the Recreation Center during the challenge. Each week you work out at least three times, you will be entered in the weekly prize drawing. Work out three times a week for 10 weeks, and you will be entered in the grand prize drawing.

Attend a kick-off event on Saturday, January 8 from 8 am to Noon or stop by the front desk to register for the Fitness Challenge. At the kick-off party, participants

## Fitness Challenge Kick-Off

Saturday, January 8 8 am - Noon

**Englewood Recreation Center** 1155 W. Oxford Avenue

**Prices slashed on passes & punchcards!** Watch for limited-time-only deals on passes to the Recreation Center during the Fitness Challenge.

can visit with health exhibitors and obtain health screenings. Check your Winter *Play Englewood* guide or visit www.englewoodgov.org for details.

# Christmas Tree Recycling January 1 through 31, 2011

Don't throw your Christmas Tree away - recycle it!

Englewood's Parks Division is offering its annual tree recycling program for Englewood residents from January 1 through January 31 Trees can be dropped off at the following locations:

- Bates/Logan Park 2938 S. Logan Street (parking lot - E. Cornell Ave. at S. Pennsylvania St.)
- Belleview Park 5001 S. Inca Street (south parking lot)
- Centennial Park 4630 S. Decatur Street (south parking lot)
- Miller Field 3600 S. Elati Street (parking lot)

Please make sure that all decorations have been removed from your tree, along with any nails or tree stands.

## **City of Englewood Furlough Day: February 18**

All City of Englewood facilities (except Broken Tee Englewood golf course) will be closed on Friday, February 18, 2011 as employees take the first of four furlough days scheduled for 2011. All emergency operations will be maintained during the furlough days, as will water and wastewater operations.

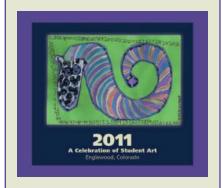
#### 2011 Calendars

Get 'em while they last!

Englewood's 2011 Student Art Calendars are still available at the following locations:

- Englewood Civic Center
   1000 Englewood Pkwy.
   City Manager's Office and main Information Desk (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)
- Englewood Public Library 1000 Englewood Pkwy. (1st Floor)
- Malley Center 3380 S. Lincoln Street
- Recreation Center 1155 W. Oxford Avenue

The Englewood Calendars are free of charge to Englewood residents and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.



# Workshops for first-time homebuyers

Wednesday, January 12 & Wednesday, March 9 5:30-9:30 pm

**Englewood Civic Center** 

2<sup>nd</sup> Fl. Community Room, 1000 Englewood Pkwy.

Register online at the Colorado Housing Assistance Corporation's website (www.coloradohousingassistance.org) or call 303-572-9445, ext. 3 and leave your name and number. For general information on the class, call Englewood's Community Development Department at 303-762-2349.

## Citizen Self-Defense Class offered

Saturday, February 12, 2011 9 am - 3 pm

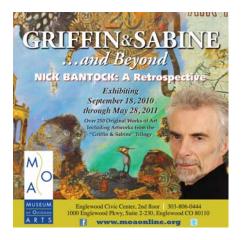
The Englewood Police Department is offering this free class to residents who are interested in learning self-defense tactics.

Space is limited. To register, contact Community Relations Specialist Toni Arnoldy at 303-762-2490.

## Energy Rebate Update

The Governor's Energy Office (GEO) still has \$10 Million in energy efficiency and renewable energy rebates available across Colorado. To help make it easier for Coloradans to cash in on this opportunity, the GEO has streamlined the redemption process for appliance rebates.

Rebates will be available until funds run out. For a list of rebates still available, visit the RechargeColorado.com website.



## **News from Neighborhood Services**

Friendly reminders on trash and snow removal

by Code Enforcement Supervisor Sergeant Englert

**Trash Removal** Englewood's Code Enforcement Division is responsible for helping to maintain the appearance of properties throughout the community. Many of these quality-of-life issues are related to the outdoor storage of trash. The Englewood Municipal Code requires citizens and businesses to have a trash removal service at least once a week. Trash containers are required to be covered to prevent trash from being scattered by animals or the elements, and to prevent the spread of offensive odors.

The ordinance requiring trash containers to be covered was adopted to address health and sanitation issues as well as the appearance of neighborhoods. Many households do not regularly use or have lids for their trash cans. Citizens are strongly encouraged to voluntarily comply with the requirement to cover and properly store their trash prior to collection. Enforcement action may be taken by Code Enforcement Officers regarding properties not in compliance with this ordinance.

Trash set out for collection in front of properties may only be put out 24 hours prior to the collection day. Trash to the rear of properties must be stored in such a way as to not obstruct the right-of-way in the alley. The overall health of our community is directly related to the appearance of the properties within the city. Let's work together to keep Englewood clean – alleys included!

Snow Removal So far, this winter has been uncharacteristically lacking in snow, but eventually, the walks will need to be shoveled. The City ordinances require the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks 12 hours after the snow stops falling. Snow cannot be pushed out into the street if it hinders the flow of traffic.

Seniors and people with disabilities who have difficulty clearing their sidewalks can call the Malley Senior Recreation Center at 303-762-2660 for a list of resources that may assist them with snow removal.

#### Arapahoe County offers help with weatherization services

The Arapahoe County Weatherization Division offers free energy audits and household weatherization services to low-income residents of Arapahoe County. To be eligible, households must meet income guidelines (\$21,660 annual gross income for a one-person household, plus \$7,480 for each additional household member). Residents who receive benefits from LEAP, Colorado Works (TANF), Aid to the Needy Disabled, Old Age Pension or Supplemental Security Income automatically qualify.

To learn more and apply for weatherization services, contact the Arapahoe County Weatherization Division at 303-636-1982 or visit www.co.arapahoe.co.us and click on "Services," then "Weatherization."

## Paws to Read

Help for struggling readers

Twice each month the Englewood Public Library teams up with the American Humane Association for a "Paws to Read" program. This free program offers beginning or struggling readers an opportunity to practice their reading skills by reading to specially-trained dogs.

The program takes place on the first Sunday of each month from 1:15 to 3 pm and on the third Saturday of each month from Noon to 2 pm in the Library's Story Time Room.

The program serves children ages 12 and under and pre-registration is required. Register at the Library's Children's Desk or by calling 303-783-6960.

**Englewood Public Library** 

1000 Englewood Parkway



## Night of the Stars Youth Talent Show Auditions

Saturday, January 29 Noon to 2 pm

Englewood Recreation Center Fitness Room

1155 W. Oxford Avenue

The Englewood Parks & Recreation
Department is looking for singers, dancers,
musicians, and more for the award-winning
Night of the Stars Talent Show (please, no
bands). Register for the audition no later
than January 26 (\$5 fee per performer)

— registration forms are available at the
Recreation Center.

## **Library Hours to change in January**

Due to budget considerations, the Englewood Public Library's hours will change effective January 2, 2011. The Library's new hours are listed below.

Monday through Thursday: 10:30 am to 8:30 pm Friday/Saturday: 10:30 am to 5 pm Sunday: 1 to 5 pm

**New Story Time Schedule** There will also be changes in the children's story times beginning in January. Please note the new schedule:

- Once Upon a Thursday Storytime Thursdays at 10:45 am
  This Thursday storytime is designed for children ages 3-5. Younger children are welcome if accompanied by an adult.
- Stories and Me Storytime Fridays at 10:30 am
  The Friday storytime is for children 3-5 years of age who can attend storytime independent from their caregiver.

Englewood Public Library • 1000 Englewood Parkway

## **Snow Plow Priority Routes**

When the snow flies, Englewood's crews hit the streets. Snow plow routes are prioritized based on the amount of traffic traveling on each thoroughfare. Streets are plowed in the following order:

1. Primary Grid Streets

Primary grid streets include main thoroughfares, as well as streets adjacent to hospitals and schools. Englewood's primary grid streets include Broadway, Dartmouth, Oxford, Logan, and Tejon.

2. Secondary Grid Streets

The secondary grid includes streets or avenues that create links to the primary grid streets. Delaware, Clarkson, Huron, Kenyon, Quincy, and Tufts are examples of secondary grid streets.

3. Residential Streets

Residential streets are generally not plowed unless they have steep hills with chronic icing problems or if a snow emergency is declared. If snow reaches accumulations of more than eight inches, crews will "V" plow the centers of all residential streets.

Typically, the streets are only plowed once to avoid closing off

the driveways of those residents who have already shoveled out their sidewalks and driveways.

The Public Works Department has a message system in place so residents can report problem areas. To leave a message via telephone, please call our Snow Line at 303-762-2520. To submit the report by e-mail, send it to snow@englewoodgov.org.

Belleview, Santa Fe, and U.S. 285 (Hampden) are state highways and are maintained by the Colorado Department of Transportation.

For more information on snow removal prioritization and policies, visit the Public Works Department's web pages on www.englewoodgov.org.

#### **Snow Phone Line:**

303-762-2520

#### **Snow E-Mail:**

snow@englewoodgov.org

To report a problem area related to snowy weather, leave a message on the phone line or e-mail listed above.

## Interested in running for City Council?

## Details from the Englewood City Clerk on the 2011 Election

Even though the November 1, 2011 General Municipal Election is months away, the Englewood City Clerk's Office is already busy planning for it. During the election, Englewood voters will elect four City Council members: one representing District 1; one representing District 3; and two At-Large representatives. City Council members serve four-year terms. The Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem are selected by the City Council from among the members in accordance with City Charter.

#### **Criteria for Council Candidates**

Englewood residents interested in running for City Council must meet the following criteria at the time of the election:

- Must be a United States citizen;
- Must be 25 years of age;
- Must be a registered elector of the City for at least one year immediately preceding the election;
- Council members elected by districts must also be residents

- and registered electors of their districts;
- No Council member shall hold any public office or employment for which compensation is paid from any municipality.

Candidates are required to sign an affidavit as to their qualifications.

Each candidate must be nominated by petition signed by 50 registered electors residing within the City of Englewood, or the District, from which the officer is to be elected. The petitioning process takes place in August. Only petitions obtained from the City Clerk's office may be circulated.

Residents who are interested in running for City Council should contact the Englewood City Clerk's Office (303-762-2407, 303-762-2405, or cityclerk@ englewoodgov.org) for details on the process. It is vital that anyone interested in running contact the City Clerk's Office for information regarding the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act.

Within 10 days of announcing their candidacy, candidates must file a "Candidate Affidavit" form with the City Clerk and a "Committee Registration Form" must be filed before any contributions can be accepted.

The general timeline for the election process is listed below. Additional details will be included in upcoming issues of the *Englewood Citizen* and on our website (www.englewoodgov.org) If you have specific questions, please contact the Englewood City Clerk's office at 303-762-2407, 303-762-2405, or via e-mail at cityclerk@englewoodgov.org.

#### **2011 Election Timeline**

- Tuesday, July 5: Candidate Information Packets available
- August: Nomination Petitioning Process
- Tuesday, Nov. 1: Election Day

Additional details will be added as the Election gets closer.

# Malley Center extends hours in response to member requests

Beginning January 4, 2011, the Malley Senior Recreation Center will expand its hours to better serve its membership. The new hours are listed below.

**Monday through Thursday:** 8 am - 7 pm **Friday:** 8 am - 5 pm **Saturday:** 9 am - 1 pm

#### **Malley Senior Recreation Center**

3380 S. Lincoln Street 303-762-2660 New at the Library!

## Jane Austen Book Club

Kicks off with its first meeting

**Wednesday, January 19** 6 - 7:30 pm

#### **Perrin Room**

Englewood Public Library 1000 Englewood Parkway

Call 303-762-2572 for details.

## Flood Plain Maps Updated

Newly revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) are now available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The FIRMs officially identify special flood hazard areas (100-year flood plain) in the City and designate risk premium zones for flood insurance purposes. Prior to this current revision, the last major update to FIRMs impacting Englewood was in 1995.

The purchase of flood insurance is mandatory for federally-backed mortgages on buildings located within a flood plain. Because the City of Englewood participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, Englewood residents and businesses may receive up to a 10 percent discount on their insurance premiums.

Please contact Englewood's Community Development Department at 303-762-2342 or commdev@englewoodgov.org to determine if a property is within a special flood hazard area (flood plain). The Department also has copies of elevation certificates for some properties in the flood plain.

For access to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps or for more information on the National Flood Insurance Program, visit FEMA online at www.fema.gov/hazard/map.

The Englewood Citizen newsletter is published every other month by the City of Englewood to provide residents and businesses with news and information about the City. If you have questions or comments, please call the City Manager's office at 303-762-2316. This newsletter is available in alternative format upon request.

**Web site:** www.englewoodgov.org **E-mail:** info@englewoodgov.org

### **Police Citizens' Academy accepting applications**

Applications are now being accepted for the 2011 Englewood Police Citizens' Academy, which will run every Tuesday from 6 to 9 pm between March 29 and May 24.

Topics covered will include: Internet Safety; Code Enforcement; Crime Scene/Forensic Science; Criminal Investigation; Impact Team; SWAT overview; Traffic Enforcement, and much more.

Download an application from www.englewoodgov.org (under Police, Community Relations) or call Community Relations Specialist Toni Arnoldy at 303-762-2490 for more information. The deadline for applications is March 15, 2011.

## **Tax Preparation Assistance Offered**

Fridays • February 4 - April 8 9 am - 4 pm • by appointment Malley Center • 3380 S. Lincoln St.

Every Friday from February 4 through April 8 (except February 18), volunteer tax counselors will offer free assistance with Federal and State income tax preparation at the Malley Center. The program is for taxpayers with low- and middle-incomes and consideration will be given to those age 60 and older. All volunteer tax counselors have been trained and certified by the I.R.S. and A.A.R.P. to help complete returns.

Participants must bring a picture ID and Social Security card for themselves and any dependents, along with documents reporting income, interest, dividends, pensions, property tax receipts, any other allowable deductions, and copies of their 2009 tax returns. All returns will be processed and electronically filed using a computerized tax program.

Please call the Malley Center at 303-762-2660 or stop by the front desk to book your appointment. Appointments will be scheduled up to three weeks in advance starting Monday, January 24.





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## **Upcoming Events**

Tip & Save! **HOLIDAY - New Year's Eve** Englewood Civic Center Offices, Library, Malley Center closed (Recreation Center open partial hours) Mon. Jan. 3 **HOLIDAY - New Year's Day Observed** Englewood Civic Center Offices, Malley Center closed Library and Recreation Center open Tues. Jan. 4 **Englewood City Council Meeting** 7:30 pm Englewood Civic Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Council Chambers Sat. Jan. 8 Fitness Challenge Kick-Off 8 am - Noon Englewood Recreation Center, 1155 W. Oxford Avenue (See page 3) Denver Nuggets Skills Challenge (for boys & girls age 7-14) Sat. Jan. 15 11 am Englewood Recreation Center, 1155 W. Oxford Avenue (free) Mon. Jan. 17 HOLIDAY - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Englewood Civic Center Offices, Library, Malley Center closed Tues. Jan. 18 **Englewood City Council Meeting** 7:30 pm Englewood Civic Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Council Chambers Wed. Jan. 19 Jane Austen Book Club 6 - 7:30 pm Englewood Library (See page 6) **Author Tricia Downing - Cycle of Hope** Thurs, Jan. 27 7 pm Englewood Civic Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Community Room Free program sponsored by the Library Mon. Feb. 7 **Englewood City Council Meeting** 7:30 pm Englewood Civic Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Council Chambers Sat. Feb. 12 Stage C 7 pm Hampden Hall, 1000 Englewood Parkway (www.stagec.com) Fri. Feb. 18 **FURLOUGH DAY** All City of Englewood Facilities Closed (see page 3) David Taylor Dance Theatre: Three's a Crowd Sat. Feb. 19 7 pm Sun. Feb. 20 David Taylor Dance Theatre: Three's a Crowd 2 pm Hampden Hall, 1000 Englewood Parkway (Free - Tickets available beginning Feb. 11 at the Library, Malley Center, and the Englewood Recreation Center) Mon. Feb. 21 **HOLIDAY - Presidents' Day** Englewood Civic Center Offices, Library, Malley Center closed Tues. Feb. 22 **Englewood City Council Meeting** 7:30 pm Englewood Civic Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Council Chambers **Englewood City Council Meeting** Mon. March 7 7:30 pm Englewood Civic Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Council Chambers

Due to space constraints, we don't have room to list all meetings or events. Please check the Calendar of Events on www.englewoodgov.org for a complete listing.

## **New Business Update**

The City of Englewood welcomes the following new businesses to Englewood:

Yoga Tree Colorado 3333 S. Bannock Street #125 (in the Wells Fargo building) www.yogatreecolorado.com 303-578-TREE (8733)

Yoga Tree Studio and Wellness Center offers classes, services, and organic products to nourish your mind, body, and soul.

Alignment Masters 3750 S. Windermere Street www.alignment-masters.com 303-761-7219

Welcome Alignment Masters back to Englewood! ASE-certified technicians offering full-service under-chassis vehicle repair.

#### **Board & Commission Application Reminder**

If you would like to volunteer to serve on one of Englewood's boards or commissions, applications must be received by Friday, January 14, 2011.